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SUBJ: \$10 DAY SPENDING REQUIREMENT FOR VISITORS TO ROMANIA

REF: BUCHAREST 500, 4549 (NOTAL)

1. GOR ANNOUNCED NOV 1 SPECIFIC DETAILS RELATING TO LIST OF FOREIGNERS WHO WILL BE EXEMPTED FROM CONVERTING MINIMUM OF TEN DOLLARS PER DAY PER PERSON INTO LEI EFFECTIVE NOVEMBER 1 (SEE REFTELS). LIST OF PERSONS EXEMPTED INCLUDES THOSE TRAVELING ON DIPLOMATIC OR OFFICIAL PASSPORTS OR VISAS, TRAVELERS WHOSE TOURIST SERVICES ARE PREPAID, FOREIGNERS ON TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS, BONA-FIDE BUSINESSMEN AND REPRESENTATIVES, ACCREDITED NEWS MEDIA CORRESPONDENTS, PERSONS INVITED TO VISIT COUNTRY BY STATE OR JURIDICIAL ENTITIES IN IT, THOSE STUDYING HERE, AND THOSE IN TRANSIT. EXEMPTION ALL SO EXTENDS TO IMMEDIATE FAMILY MEMBERS, I.E. SPOUSE, CHILDREN, AND PARENTS OF ABOVE RESIDING IN ROMANIA - WITH EXCEPTION OF STUDENTS. CHILDREN UNDER 14 YEARS LIKEWISE EXEMPTED.

2. ALL OTHER FOREIGNERS COMING TO ROMANIA WILL BE REQUIRED TO CONVERT TEN DOLLARS A DAY TO LEI, OR SHOW PROOF THAT THEY HAVE BOUGHT THE EQUIVALENT AMOUNT OF GOOD AND SERVICES IN ROMANIA WITH HARD CURRENCY EQUIVALENTS ACCEPTED BY THE NATIONAL BANK OF ROMANIA. THE NEW LAW (DECREE NO. 184/1974) APPLIES TO ALL TRAVELERS FROM NON-COMMUNIST COUNTRIES, AS WELL AS TO THOSE COMING FROM YUGOSLAVIA AND CUBA. TRANSLATION OF EXEMPTION LIST IS BEING AIRPOUCHED TO ADDRESSEES.

3. EMBASSY REQUESTS THAT INFO ADDRESSEES INFORM TRAVELERS PROCEEDING FROM THEIR AREAS TO ROMANIA OF NEW REQUIREMENTS. EMBASSY ANTICIPATES MANY AMERICANS NOW IN ROMANIA MAY BE CAUGHT UNAWARE OF NEW LAW AND BE PREVENTED FROM LEAVING COUNTRY UNLESS THEY SHOW PROOF OF HAVING CONVERTED REQUIRED SUMS TO CUSTOMS OFFICIALS. DECREE IS ALSO LIKELY HAVE ADVERSE EFFECT ON TOURISM IN ROMANIA.

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